

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 0232

EUR/NE-DONCHI PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADORS ANDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, NO  
SUBJECT: UNTIMELY DEATH OF CINC NORTH

1. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ALLIED FORCES NORTHERN EUROPE,  
GENERAL SIR JOHN SHARP, UK ARMY, DIED UNEXPECTEDLY 0900L 15  
JANUARY 77 AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

2. LTGEN J. RYG, RNOAF, DEPUTY CINC IS ACTING CINC. IT HAS  
BEEN DECIDED THAT EXERCISE VIKING SHIELD WILL BE CONDUCTED  
AS SCHEDULED, IE, 26-27 JAN 77.

3. CHARGE HAS SENT MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. SHARP  
ON BEHALF OF EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR ALSO MAY WISH TO SEND  
HER A MESSAGE WHICH WE CAN FORWARD. WE UNDERSTAND THERE  
WILL BE A PRIVATE FAMILY FUNERAL IN ENGLAND THURSDAY AND A  
MEMORIAL SERVICE IN OSLO, JANUARY 28.  
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